

**TOWN OF UNION
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Thursday, January 7, 2016**

The Town of Union monthly board meeting was held at the Creekside Place, 102 Maple Street, Evansville, WI. Board members present were Chairman Kendall Schneider, Supervisor George Franklin, Supervisor Kim Gruebling, Building Inspector Bob Fahey and Clerk Bridgit Larsen. Constable Eric Larsen was absent. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Supervisor Franklin. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Clerk's Minutes (December 3, 2015)

Gruebling made motion to approve minutes as written. Franklin second. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report

Treasurer Sharon Franklin reported balances as of December 31, 2015:

Park and Recreation Fund	\$ 12,498.89
UB&T Money Market Sweep Account	\$ 1,730,379.53
UB&T Checking Account	\$ 16,500.00
Wayne Disch Memorial Park Fund	\$ 3,545.73
Morning Ridge Stub Road CD	\$ 21,377.70
Escrow Accounts:	
Mastec, LLC	\$ 207.04

Constable's report

Constable Larsen emailed his report. There were no calls since the last report.

Building Inspector's report

Fahey requested to see the Board of Adjustment vacancy filled because there is a variance request on hand for the month of January.

Public Comment (5 min max per item, no action will be taken on any issues.)

Denny from Town of Center addressed the Board and informed them that he was in attendance to hear what Union's plans were for bringing snowplowing in-house and no longer contracting with a plowing company. Center's contract will expire with Footville in October of 2016.

Supervisor Franklin received a call on Woodworth Drive about the snow being out into the road. Franklin assumed it is only a matter of Patrolman Jorgenson familiarizing himself with the roadways since he has only begun plowing this year for the township.

Recycling Center Update

Krueger stated that there was no negative push back about the .25 bag increase. However, he has heard several complaints about residents no longer being able to use their punch cards. People like the convenience of not having to carry cash to pay for their bags and like to use a punch card.

Treasurer Franklin would appreciate not having the cards and Krueger offered to sell the cards from the Center's office. Supervisor Franklin stated to wait for a month before we reinstate the punch cards to further gauge interest in the punch cards.

Krueger said people are still *not* collapsing boxes and overfilling the container as a result. A second

recycle container is needed or we need a second attendant on hand to patrol the citizens and make certain they're collapsing their boxes.

Roadwork Report

Plowing went well and all equipment is in working order as of date.

March is when the new truck could possibly be available. There is a hole in the box near the driver's side. Franklin said the truck still looks worthy. Franklin said they agreed to \$40K. It is a Yamar 2001.

Gruebling said the 2014 truck is a good deal at \$166K. Gruebling thinks we need a building for this truck before it is purchased. Patrolman Jorgenson agreed it is a very good truck because it has a Cummins engine. However, Jorgenson said that unless there is the ability to wash the undercarriage after each use it will be of no value to purchase since it will deteriorate quickly.

Gruebling thinks we need a building and a heated bay to store a truck before we purchase the truck.

Franklin thinks if we need to borrow money to buy the truck that we should also buy a claw to go with the end loader. The claw would be approximately \$20K. Franklin wants this to use to remove debris from the ditches.

Gruebling said he thinks the purchase of the equipment is a good idea since we have debris and culverts to clear.

Schneider wants the action of this purchase placed on February's agenda. Wisner stated the equipment could also be contracted out to the Town of Center because they need the equipment too.

Discussion: Brooklyn Fire & EMS amendments to contract

Gruebling stated that the contract release has been premature and there are definite problems with compatibility of personalities.

Gruebling stated Union is liable for part of the building payment. Brooklyn pays 47-percent and wants two representatives. Union pays roughly 4-percent of the districts total costs.

Schneider wants this placed on February's agenda as a discussion item once again.

Motion by Franklin to adjourn and pay bills at 7:39. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Bridgit Larsen

Note: minutes are considered draft until reviewed and approved by the Town Board at a properly noticed meeting.